THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) The scheme launched by Delhi Police for security and welfare of senior citizens living in Delhi has been in operation since 1990. It provides for conducting survey of elderly people living alone; verification of antecedents of their domestic servants; and periodic visits to their residences by the Beat Staff, Station House Officers and Division Officers concerned. The number of senior citizens covered under this scheme as on 15th July, 2003 was 10,557.

Hydro power production

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DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has launched an initiative for adding 50,000 MW hydro-electric power from 162 schemes in 16 States; and

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed scheme?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir Hon'ble Prime Minister of India launched the "50,000 MW Hydro-electric Initiative" on 24.5.2003. This initiative envisages preparation of Preliminary Feasibility Reports (PFRs) for 162 Hydroelectric Schemes having an aggregate installed capacity of 50,650 MW located in 16 States.

(b) The PFRs will provide information on Hydro-electric Schemes which are yet to be developed and enable their prioritization for further action for implementation. The PFRs would also provide useful information to prospective developers for taking up detailed Survey and Investigation and for the formulation of Detailed Project Reports. These PFRs would thus facilitate the development of the hydro-electric projects in the country in order of viability/attractiveness. This is considered essential to generate a shelf of projects which could be taken up during 11th Plan, 12th Plan periods and beyond.